

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 298. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2559) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-180). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 299. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2596) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-181). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HASTERT (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. TAUZIN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, Mr. BURNS, Ms. DUNN, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. NUNES, Mr. SIMMONS, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

H.R. 1. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. RENZI, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

H.R. 2595. A bill to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H.R. 2596. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 2597. A bill to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire (for himself and Mr. CANTOR):

H.R. 2598. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to authorize waivers by the Commissioner of Social Security of the 5-month waiting period for entitlement to ben-

efits based on disability in cases in which the Commissioner determines that such waiting period would cause undue hardship to terminally ill beneficiaries; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DOOLITTLE (for himself and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 2599. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to quitclaim to Yuba River Properties certain land in Yuba County, California, so as to extinguish a claim of title asserted by the Department of the Interior; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA:

H.R. 2600. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to simplify the requirements for United States nationals to become citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Mr. DOOLITTLE):

H.R. 2601. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to allow abandoned copyrighted works to enter the public domain after 50 years; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OTTER:

H.R. 2602. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to make the authority of the Secretary to designate critical habitat discretionary instead of mandatory, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 2603. A bill to impose limitations on the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to claim title or other rights to water absent specific direction of law or to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. RANGEL:

H.R. 2604. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to encourage diversity of ownership of telecommunications businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. WYNN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FARR, Mr. HINCHAY, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. LEE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. REYES, Mr. CASE, Mr. WATT, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. HOFFEL, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 2605. A bill to nullify the effect of section 4 of Executive Order 13279; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TANNER, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BOYD, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. FORD, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. JOHN, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MOORE, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CARDOZA):

H.R. 2606. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to make improvements in Medicare payment

for rural providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HAYES (for himself, Mr. HAYWORTH, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. BALLANCE, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. DEUTSCH, and Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin):

H. Con. Res. 230. Concurrent resolution honoring the 10 communities selected to receive the 2003 All-America City Award; to the Committee on Government Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

128. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 187 memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation preventing the Federal Communications Commission from reimposing wireless number portability rules until such time as it finds that implementation of the capabilities necessary for emergency communications and homeland security and compliance with the FCC's E-911 mandates are complete; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

129. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of The Mariana Islands, relative to House Resolution No. 13-150 memorializing the United States Congress to act favorably and expeditiously on H.R. 1189, affecting the United States insular territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Committee on Resources.

130. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Montana, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 22 memorializing the United States Congress to be urged to take action to stabilize domestic crude oil supplies through facilitating additional production, to decrease our nation's need for foreign oil from undependable sources, to increase federal and state revenue from oil and gas leasing; jointly to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce.

131. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22 memorializing the United States Congress to appropriate for and expedite funding of state and local homeland defense activities; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Transportation and Infrastructure.

132. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Wisconsin, relative to Senate Resolution No. 7, memorializing the United States Congress to urge the Wisconsin congressional delegation to work to enact legislation that would reform the current Medicare system and create a funding method that will dispense equal benefits regardless of geography; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce.

133. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, relative to House Resolution 2003-H 5247 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would permanently eliminate the fifteen percent (15%) reduction in home health Medicare payments implemented October 1, 2002; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.